



## Overview of E2SHB 1290: Community Mental Health Services

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## Bill Covers 5 Major Policy Areas

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- Focus Services on Resilience and Recovery
- Utilize Evidence-based, Research-based, and Consensus-based practices
- Designate RSNs Through a Procurement Process
- Medicaid Eligibility for Incarcerated Persons
- Mental Health Task Force Continuation



## Policy Direction

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- Services will be Focused on Recovery and Resilience
- Consumer and advocate participation in services will be supported
- Competition between public and private entities is permitted
- Evidence-based, research-based, and consensus-based services will be utilized



## RSN Contracting Process (Step 1)

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- By October 1, 2005 DSHS will issue a Request for Qualification to current RSNs
- RSNs that Substantially Comply with Five Requirements will be issued the Contract
  - Cost-effective
  - Adequate residential and service capabilities
  - Collaboration with Criminal justice and CD services
  - Provide all services included in the MH state plan
  - Meet all Federal & State regulations and standards



## RSN Contracting Process (Step 2)

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- March 1, 2006 DSHS issues RFP to provide MH services in areas where RSNs didn't respond to, or substantially meet the RFQ
- RSNs or other Entities may respond to the RFP
- There may be between 8 and 14 RSNs, and one Entity cannot control more than 3 RSNs



## Restoration of Medicaid Eligibility

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- Persons enrolled in Medical Assistance who are released from confinement will have their eligibility reinstated on the day of release
- DSHS will use medical or psychiatric exams done during confinement in making eligibility and enrollment determinations
- DSHS will coordinate with other entities to ensure prompt reinstatement and speedy eligibility determinations



## Mental Health Task Force Continuation

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- Task Force will Oversee:
  - MHD reorganization
  - Establishment of RSNs through Procurement
  - Funding Distribution Methodology
  - Serving Non-Medicaid Consumers
  - Inpatient Psychiatric hospital and community residential beds
- Task Force Expires June 30, 2007